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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1743
PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 05552-1442

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Ralf OTTO et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1743
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Application No.: 09/551,581)	Examiner: B. Gordon
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Office Action of December 17, 2003, the period for response having been extended until June 17, 2004 by a Petition for Extension of Time - Three Months and fee payment filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this document.